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SUBJEC,:INFORMING RHODESIAN REP OF US-UK AGREEMENT TO
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C. CONTINUED VIOLENCE IN RHODESIA INCREASES THE POSSIBILITY OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION. A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT

IS THEREFORE OF GROWING URGENCY.

D. WE HAVE CONSULTED CLOSELY WITH THE BRITISH AND AGREE WITH THEM THAT CONSULTATIONS ABOUT AN INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION AND THE NECESSARY TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS COULD HELP ACHIEVE A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. ACCORDINGLY, WE HAVE AGREED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THEM IN CARRYING OUT A NEW PHASE OF INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE PARTIES THAT WERE PRESENT AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

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F. WE SEE OUR ROLE IN THE CONSULTATIVE PROCESS AS FACILITATING AGREEMENT ON BASIC PRINCIPLES AND HELPING THE BRITISH SEEK A REAL BASIS FOR SETTLEMENT.

G. IF THERE IS PROGRESS IN THE CONSULTATIONS, WE ARE PREPARED TO ASK FRONT LINE STATES TO URGE THE NATIONALISTS TO ACCEPT A JUST SETTLEMENT. THERE ARE LIMITS TO OUR ABILITY, BUT WE BELIEVE WE CAN HAVE A CONSTRUCTIVE INFLUENCE.

H. TO PURSUE THE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS, THE US WILL ASSIGN A SENIOR OFFICIAL TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE HEAD OF THE GROUP. OCCASIONAL VISITS TO RHODESIA MAY BE NECESSARY AND THE US OFFICIAL WILL ACCOMPANY WHEN APPROPRIATE.

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